



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 8049.0012-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: Oscar Lee AVANT et al. | ) | Group Art Unit: 3653       |
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| Application No.: 09/652,708                  | ) | Examiner: Daniel K. Schlak |
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| Filed: August 31, 2000                       | ) | Confirmation No.: 3485     |
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| For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR               | ) |                            |
| READING AN IDENTIFICATION CODE               | ) |                            |
| FROM A MAILPIECE                             | ) |                            |

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of April 21, 2004. A fee of \$980.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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Respectfully submitted,

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